

March 6, 2017

Dear Islander Families,

Please support our schools THIS WEEK by participating in our annual **CSF (Coronado Schools Foundation) Telethon on the evening of Thursday, March 9**. There will be food and activities (mechanical shark and wave simulator!) in our quad and performances in the theatre. Pledge your support at [www.csfkids.org](http://www.csfkids.org). Thank you for all the support you provide, in the forms of funding, time, and encouragement! We appreciate you!

We are excited about our second annual **Career Awareness Day** experience last week. Student feedback from those in attendance was overwhelmingly positive, and our panelists enjoyed the opportunity to not only meet and present to our students, but to network with one another. We know that not all students were able to choose panels aligned with their interests, and we will continue to improve our processes so students feel they have input into the experience. We hope that over four years of exposure to Career Day, students will not only attend panels related to areas of interest, but will be exposed to possibilities they haven't considered. Providing diverse panels which reflect students' interests is dependent upon community volunteers; we hope you will consider joining us next year and sharing your career path with our students! Thank you to all who supported the event!

Counselors have begun the process of **registering students for next year's courses**, starting with juniors/incoming seniors. Please support your student in determining course and elective selections aligned to his/her interests and college/career goals. Your student will have a set registration appointment with his/her counselor--feel free to contact your child's counselor directly with any questions or concerns.

Sophomores and Juniors may apply for membership in our **CHS Chapter of the National Honor Society**--see application here (deadline March 15): (<http://chs.coronadousd.net/static/media/uploads/Coronado%20High%20School/FULL%20NHS%20application%20form%20pdf.pdf>)

Students enrolled in our **Advanced Placement (AP) courses and who are interested in taking the exams in May should register here by MARCH 17**: <https://aptests.wufoo.com/forms/coronado-high-school-ap-exam-order-form/>

**Are you or do you know a young woman between the ages of 14 and 18 who exhibits leadership qualities as a volunteer in your community or school?** Who sees challenges instead of obstacles? Hope instead of despair? If you know a young woman who believes in the power of volunteer action, then she may be eligible for a **Soroptimist International of Coronado Service Award**.

The SIC Service Award is a leadership and volunteer recognition program dedicated to teen girls. It recognizes young women leaders who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts. This does not necessarily mean starting one's own not-for-profit

business or accomplishing a miraculous feat. Taking a first step in trying to make a difference in the world is recognized as showing leadership and initiative. Volunteer actions that benefit women or girls are of particular interest. Although we realize that volunteering is its own reward, we also know the power that positive reinforcement brings, especially in supporting and encouraging young women to continue their work as a community volunteer leader. The deadline has been extended to March 31--please apply here:

<http://coronadosoptimist.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-SIC-Service-Award-App-KS.pdf>

**Last week we made an announcement about our school community and responsibilities to one another; here is the text of that statement:**

**We are experiencing an increased reporting of incidences of students using derogatory slurs referring to fellow students' and others' race, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, political affiliation, and religion.** We are proud of our students for speaking up and reporting bullying and harassment. Let us be very clear that terms such as the "n" word in reference to race, the "r" word in reference to people with disabilities or to describe something negatively, and the "f" word in reference to sexual orientation, among other derogatory terms, are examples of hate speech, and hate speech is subject to serious legal and school consequences. Hateful terms are not acceptable in reference to people anywhere, any time, regardless of audience. It doesn't matter if you hear others use those words, that does not give you permission to adopt those terms yourself nor to consider them harmless or acceptable.

In this current political climate, it can also be tempting for us to label people with whom we do not agree, and to brand and stereotype them based on political affiliation. In this educational institution, at Coronado High, our aim is to create dynamic learning environments where we feel safe sharing our views and where we expect to be challenged respectfully to support those views with evidence. We seek to understand one another versus assume and condemn. We approach learning with an open mind while holding our own personal beliefs and values.

**Thank you for recognizing that we are a school community comprising students and staff of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and experiences. Thank you for upholding our school rules and policies meant to protect the rights of individuals and the safety of our community. Thank you for speaking up in response to or coming forward if you are the subject of bullying, discrimination, or harassment, or if you observe or witness someone else subject to hateful words or actions.**

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